

In prior conversations with Mr. Gills, we asked him if he would provide us with written documentation of his conversations with Mr. Troy threatening to not support the Vrooman Road Bridge project if Mr. Gills did not endorse Troy for commissioner. Mr. Gills' response was he will provide us with the details of the conversation because "Dan Troy can't hurt him anymore".

Mr. Gills knows that this correspondence will be part of the public domain.

Here is a copy of the email that Lobbyists for Citizens received from Mr. Jim Gills

October 9, 2018

Email from Lake County Engineer Mr. Jim Gills to Lobbyists for Citizens.

Thank you for your inquiry regarding Commissioner Troy's conversion. I cannot provide proof or documentation of the conversations between Commissioner Troy and myself as they were one on one and verbal. However, I will provide you with a written summary of the conversations.

Early in 2018, Commissioner Troy approached me and ask for my endorsement of his reelection. I stated that I was going to remain neutral in the upcoming campaign for Commissioner, that I had endorsed him several years ago and received a lot of grief from the Republican Party over it.

Commissioner Troy stated that if I did not endorse him, he would block the construction of the Vrooman Road bridge. I indicated I was staying neutral in the race.

A couple days later, Commissioner Troy approached me and stated that my position was unacceptable.

Following that encounter, Commissioner Troy spoke and voted against the Vrooman Road bridge funding at an NOACA committee meeting. Later at Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Troy spoke and voted against the signing of a agreement between the County and ODOT required in order for the project to proceed to construction.

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